



Filipino
Women's
Council

Maximizing the gains and minimizing the social cost of overseas migration in the Philippines

Objectives and Activities

Overall, this project generally focused on the strengthening the nexus between migration and development through the empowerment of organizations in the Philippines and migrants' groups in Italy. This was done in order to enhance the positive impact of migration and minimize the social costs or negative effects of migration.

The project has the following objectives and achieved the following outputs:

Objective 1: Increased awareness of the Filipinos and other stakeholders on the issues of migration and development and migrant social and civil rights in Italy with the following outputs:

- 2,000 copies of the Guide for Filipino migrants in Italy printed and disseminated;
- 9 public meetings with members of the Filipino community in Italy with 368 participants were held in the cities of Rome, Florence, Terni and Turin. The meetings addressed themes such as gender issues in migration, remittances and nexus migration and development;
- 1 forum with local authorities, non-government organizations and migrant's organizations in the Province of Rome;
- 7 consultations and fora on Migration and Development Nexus with local authorities, NGOs, and other stakeholders were held in the Provinces of Laguna, Batangas and Cavite;
- An international conference bringing together all the actors who have been involved in the project, including local authorities and Home Town Associations, held in the Province of Rome.

Objective 2: Capacity building of Migrants organizations and HTAs on migrants rights and welfare issues, financial literacy, counseling, organizing and alliance building to deliver economic and social services to their members and to help create community development projects in partnership with different stakeholders and conducted the following outputs:

- 22 migrant leaders trained as trainers in conducting financial literacy in Italy from the cities of Rome, Padova, Milan, Torino, Brescia, Bologna, and Florence and 30 mentored;
- 2 capacity building activities on leadership, project formulation, rights and duties of migrants, health and reproductive rights in Italy involving 30 migrant leaders;

- 14 echo-seminars on Financial Literacy and Counseling were conducted by the trainees reaching out to 419 migrants;
- Consultation meetings with Hometown associations on partnership with local government in the Philippines on migration and development initiatives.

Objective 3: Build the capacities of Migrant families and NGOs, Local Government Units, schools, cooperatives, rural banks and other stakeholders involved in initiatives in addressing the social cost of migration and in tapping the resources of migrants for the development of the OFWs, their families and communities by implementing the following outputs:

- 4 training of trainers on financial literacy for migrants and families given to 115 Local government unit staff, Department of Education teachers, NGOs, cooperatives and OFW family leaders in the Philippines from the provinces of Laguna, Batangas, Cavite, Tarlac, Nueva Ecija, Abra, La Union and Pampanga;
- 110 trainees monitored and mentored;
- 20 echo seminars conducted with 885 migrants and families reached in the Philippines;
- 2 (4-day) trainings on setting up OFW Center conducted to 50 participants from the municipalities of the provinces of Batangas, Laguna, Cavite, Tarlac, Nueva Ecija and Bicol;
- 4 MOAs signed and assisted in setting up 3 OFW centers in the province of Batangas and the municipality of Mabini and Cuenca in Batangas.
- 3 Development projects were set up: Coop Mart in Sta Rosa, Alaminos, Laguna; Ekolife Home stay Ecotour in San Pablo City and School-based Program in Mayantoc, Tarlac;
- 2 (5-day) training of teachers on setting up School Based Programme in Addressing the Social Cost of Migration attended by 69 teachers;
- 613 children joined the Batang Atikha Savers Club;
- Monitoring and Data Base on the participants of the financial literacy developed.